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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 December 2003.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 16-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 16-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 23 December 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Remarks

1. In response to applicant's Amendment, dated December 23, 2003, the examiner acknowledges corrections of the objections to the Drawings and Specification set forth in the Office Action mailed October 2, 2003. The examiner acknowledges the cancellation of claims 1-15 and the addition of claims 16-25. Claims 16-25 are pending.

Drawings

2. New corrected drawings are required in this application because the requested changes to Figures 7 and 8 were hand-written. Applicant is advised to employ the services of a competent patent draftsman outside the Office, as the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office no longer prepares new drawings. The corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The requirement for corrected drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 16-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Iwai, et al. (US 6,128,552).

Regarding claim 16, Iwai discloses “a table (Fig. 16, ref.# 101); a pneumatic spring (Fig. 11, ref.#s 104a-104d) for applying a force to said table; an electromagnetic actuator (column 15, lines 17) for applying a force to said table; and a first generator (column 3, line 49-51) which generates a driving signal for said electromagnetic actuator based on at least one of a target position (column 3, line 50) and a target speed with respect to a movable object on said table.”

Regarding claim 17, Iwai discloses “a second generator which generates a signal for changing a pressure in said pneumatic spring based on at least one of the target position and the target speed.” (column 15, lines 44-48)

Regarding claim 18, Iwai discloses “wherein said first generator includes a filter which filters a signal with respect to at least one of the target position and the target speed.” (column 2, lines 15-26)

Regarding claim 19, Iwai discloses “wherein a cutoff frequency of said filter has a value within a controllable frequency range of said pneumatic spring.” (column 2, lines 15-26; Fig. 14, ref.# 11)

Regarding claim 20, Iwai discloses “wherein said second generator includes a filter which filters a signal with respect to at least one of the target position and the target speed.” (column 2, lines 15-26)

Regarding claim 21, Iwai discloses “wherein a cutoff frequency of said filter has a value within a controllable frequency range of said pneumatic spring.” (column 2, lines 29-31).

Regarding claim 22, Iwai discloses “an exposure apparatus for exposing a substrate to a pattern, said apparatus comprising an anti-vibration apparatus defined in claim 16.” (column 4, line 66 – column 5, line 5)

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Regarding claim 23, Iwai discloses “an apparatus according to claim 22, further comprising a movable stage as the movable object.” (column 5, line 2)

The method steps of claims 24 and 25 are met by the operation of Iwai as applied to claims 16-23.

Conclusion

5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rodney E Fuller whose telephone number is 571-272-2118. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00am - 4:30pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Russ Adams can be reached on 571-272-2112. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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